



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 3 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 224 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 13, 2017, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 13, 2017, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 182 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 13, 2017, up 2 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 13, 2017, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2017 through May 13, 2017 for the United States were 3.42 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States and United States: 2017

State	Week ending					
	April 8, 2017	April 15, 2017	April 22, 2017	April 29, 2017	May 6, 2017	May 13, 2017
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,617	29,810	29,643	29,601	29,617	29,696
Arkansas	24,261	23,065	23,285	23,322	23,713	23,878
Delaware	4,872	4,861	4,887	4,980	4,825	4,755
Florida	1,210	1,223	1,223	1,223	1,224	1,225
Georgia	34,218	34,151	34,679	33,924	34,576	34,797
Kentucky	7,514	7,342	7,391	7,310	7,215	7,421
Louisiana	3,727	3,743	3,727	3,530	3,637	3,591
Maryland	8,215	8,255	8,252	8,261	8,225	8,187
Mississippi	18,031	17,822	18,003	18,154	18,303	18,029
Missouri	8,123	8,172	8,166	7,879	7,916	7,897
North Carolina	22,157	21,771	22,022	21,948	22,199	22,305
Oklahoma	7,295	7,003	7,305	7,535	7,511	7,362
Pennsylvania	4,855	4,856	4,592	4,677	4,468	4,513
South Carolina	5,639	5,655	5,732	5,681	5,708	5,650
Texas	15,783	15,612	15,972	15,939	16,006	16,060
Virginia	6,557	6,557	6,573	6,660	6,557	6,587
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,165	12,520	12,291	12,644	12,267	12,374
19 State total	214,239	212,418	213,743	213,268	213,967	214,327
Percent of previous year	103	102	102	103	102	102
Other States	8,812	9,212	9,268	9,436	9,516	9,272
United States	223,051	221,630	223,011	222,704	223,483	223,599
Percent of previous year	103	103	103	103	103	103

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States and United States: 2017

State	Week ending					
	April 8, 2017	April 15, 2017	April 22, 2017	April 29, 2017	May 6, 2017	May 13, 2017
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,877	21,594	22,427	21,713	22,386	21,203
Arkansas	23,540	21,834	22,587	21,886	20,508	21,415
Delaware	5,312	5,323	5,715	6,223	6,166	5,631
Florida	1,111	1,180	1,391	1,427	1,191	1,345
Georgia	27,715	27,658	26,422	27,216	27,228	29,320
Kentucky	5,879	6,194	6,166	6,119	6,433	6,108
Louisiana	3,329	3,028	3,320	3,267	3,273	3,294
Maryland	6,438	5,701	6,200	5,434	5,468	5,942
Mississippi	15,317	15,230	15,271	15,399	14,880	15,044
Missouri	5,105	6,378	5,336	5,646	5,689	6,312
North Carolina	15,956	16,871	17,200	17,455	17,672	17,012
Oklahoma	2,994	3,750	4,354	4,938	5,114	3,896
Pennsylvania	3,763	3,726	3,464	3,768	3,836	3,688
South Carolina	6,085	5,206	5,264	4,734	4,502	4,528
Texas	13,172	13,058	13,036	13,181	12,950	13,336
Virginia	5,671	5,979	5,533	5,447	5,815	5,715
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,857	10,071	10,596	11,065	10,341	10,818
19 State total	174,121	172,781	174,282	174,918	173,452	174,607
Percent of previous year	101	102	102	102	102	102
Other States	7,393	7,277	7,171	6,785	7,016	7,114
United States	181,514	180,058	181,453	181,703	180,468	181,721
Percent of previous year	101	102	102	102	102	102

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone. The weekly United States total for chicks placed includes states receiving greater than 500,000 chicks annually for grow-out.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness. Individual hatchery data are summed to State, 19 State total, Other States, and the United States.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

Reliability: Estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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